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YEAR PLAY IN MARCH

THE GOOD COMPANIONS

A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE
By C. O. Hicks, Principal



"Slav, Teuton, Kelt, I count them all
My friends and brother souls,
With all the peoples, great and small,
That wheel between the poles."

Alfred Lord Tennyson.

The year 1946 will, we believe, be remembered as the beginning of an era of earnest and purposeful endeavor to bring about some semblance of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Terrible and prolonged suffering has finally brought a measure of sanity to the private and national thinking of all peoples. If only the world would not forget! Therein lies the danger.

Perhaps some of our students have read *The Good Companions* by J. B. Priestly. If so, we hope they appreciated and enjoyed this fine book.

Briefly, the story first depicts the common causes of poor and unbearable companionship; then later sets forth the attitudes and attributes which people must possess in order to become *The Good Companions*. We hope that our students may at some leisure time interest themselves in the characters created by Mr. Priestly, who has proven himself to be not only a master composer possessing great charm but also a philosopher of note.

May all of us who live and work at Victoria High strive to emulate *The Good Companions* for 1946. By doing an honest day's work each day, by appreciating the many fine qualities of our companions, by using restraint in our language and actions, by cultivating tact and diplomacy, by believing our text books to be companionable sources of knowledge, truth and power, by knowing that kindness will succeed where cynicism and harshness fail—in such manner shall we attain the status of *The Good Companions*.

Hamper Week a Big Success

During the week of December 3 to 7, the Home Economics Club of Vic conducted a very successful campaign to fill a Christmas hamper for a needy Edmonton family.

A large hamper was placed in the main hall, and contributions were many and varied. Canned foods, nuts, candy, and clothing were among the most prominent articles donated.

So successful was the campaign that the club succeeded in filling two large hampers. Thanks to the resourceful planning of these girls, two Edmonton families had a very Merry Christmas.

Much credit goes to Lenora Wachnow and her committee. May all their ventures prove as successful.



Bethoe Thompson (left) and Olga Laruska, who will portray Mara and Bessie Sutro in "The Willow and I."

TALLY-HO!!

Enthusiastic Vicites arrived at the school at 8 sharp on the night of February 1st. The occasion was Vic's sleigh-ride, planned by a committee headed by Olga Laruska. Admission was twenty-five cents, and believe me, everyone had his money's worth of fun! (Uh-huh!)

After following the sleighs around for two hours (who ever gets a chance to ride except the drivers?) the "youngsters" plodded back to the school to indulge in dancing to discs until eleven-thirty. As usual, refreshments—donuts and chocolate milk (also as usual)—were served from Mr. Dobson's room—for a nominal fee.

Mr. Dobson, Mr. Levy, Mr. Colter, and Mr. Richards were seen entering into the spirit of things throughout the evening.



SIDNEY RISK MAKES A HIT

Mr. Sidney Risk's talk on dramatics, given at the Nov. 28 meeting of the Drama club, will long remain a pleasurable memory in the minds of the Drama club members of '45-46.

An accomplished actor, Mr. Risk gave many valuable pointers to young aspirants to the stage. To illustrate some of his remarks, Mr. Risk demonstrated right and wrong techniques. Stressing the imagination of the actor as the spring-board for action, he cautioned students against going too far in "living a part," suggesting that if one is to portray a murderer or suicidal maniac, one's actions off-stage should be toned down somewhat. "Controlled imagination, using the body and the voice as tools," said he, "are the basic properties of an actor."

Two Types of Actors

He cited the comedienne Ina Claire as an outstanding example of one who has made the most of her voice and talents, who plans in advance every action, studies minutely every voice inflection, and then rehearses painstakingly until a smooth over-all performance is obtained.

As an example of the "intuitive" or born actor, he named Lynn Fontanne, of the famous Lunt and Fontanne duo. But, he said, though Miss Fontanne claims never to know what she does with, say, her hands, she has probably acquired an instinctive grace and instinct of form through years of training in the correct movements.

To cap an excellent talk, Mr. Risk gave a pantomime of a woman in a motion picture theatre, that drew roars of laughter from the delighted audience.

Overheard after-performance comments: "... and when he started to

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Thompson, Laruska, Pape Take Leads

Last year the Union had a chance to prove what it could do with Vic Varieties. We all know that it was a success. This year the Drama club is having a turn at presenting as the year-play, John Patrick's romantic comedy, "The Willow and I," in the school auditorium March 19-23. In 1942 this play was presented in New York with Gregory Peck in the male lead.

Vic's cast, which was carefully chosen by Miss Hegler, has two of our most talented actresses in the leading roles—Olga Laruska as Bessie Sutro, and Bethoe Thompson as Mara Sutro. Also included in the cast are Alfred Pape as Robin Sutro and Kirkland Sutro, a double role; Geraldine Nelson as Millie Sutro; Chris Varvis as Dr. Trubee; Nick Spillios as Theocare Sutro; Frances Mackett as Tinney; Donald Lloyd as Mabel; Don Wilson as Dr. Oliver; Edward Patterson as Barney; and Joan Wood's brother, Master Charles Wood, as Duke. Understudies are Donald Lloyd and Norma Gilchrist. With such as these we can expect another Vic hit.

Miss Helene Hegler is directing with assistant Tom Summers and technical assistant Frank Tyler. Alton Bowers is Business Manager, and Tom Mayson is House Manager. Ticket Takers are Bernice Sandstrom and Louise Christian. Ushers are members of the drama classes: Edna Olive, Peggy Moorehouse, Myriam Dobson, Pat Gunn, and Vivian McIntosh; doormen, Fred Barringham, Doug Harris and Johnny Kuzak; director of scene design, Tom Webb; Stage Manager, Bill Hicks; Assistant, Gordon Kirkman; Lighting Supervision, Dave Cleveley; Wardrobe Mistress, Doris Smith; Assistants, Marjorie Olsen, Joyce Wilson, Pat Patterson, Bunny Haire, Vida Fluker; Hair Styling, Lorraine Blair and Norma Weeder; Book Holders, Audrey Major and Joan Trout; Make-up convener, Marie Wilce; Director of Make-up, Norman Dlin.

To these ambitious people we wish the best of luck and all success!

New Milkman

The ever-popular Milk Bar has changed managers and now, instead of lovely milkmaid Myriam Dobson, we have handsome milkman Bob Flynn, capably assisted by Fred Barringham.

Just in case you haven't heard, both plain and chocolate milk are being sold to please the varying tastes of Vicites.

The Vic Argosy



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EDITORIAL

ARE YOU a "main-hall griper"? You know what we mean—one who meets his gang in one corner of the hall at 8:50 every morning, and complains loudly and vehemently about "our snoring council," or some other student organization—and then, when his room representative asks for complaints or suggestions, sits with a blank stare on his face, and yawns openly.

Of course there's freedom of speech in Victoria High—you can call the students' council any name you like without being shot at dawn. BUT! if you find fault with the governing body, let them know about it, via your room or club rep. After all, he was chosen **by** you, for you.

Certain rooms in this school (no names mentioned but you know which ones they are) are earning themselves reputations for being dead and most unco-operative. If you are registered in such a room, waken up! TELL your representative if you want a roller-skating party, or a report from the treasurer, or fluorescent lighting in the basement, or more waste-paper baskets. He will see that your suggestion, practical or not, is brought before the council, duly discussed, and voted upon.

Only if YOU smarten up and co-operate, can the student affairs of Victoria be governed democratically.

The Mail Bag

To the Editor:

As President of the Boys' Athletic Club, I have been asked to voice the opinion of the members of the Senior Rugby Team in regard to the article (Rugby Review) in the latest issue. I do not believe that they received the credit that was due them.

AVENUE THEATRE

ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

In the first place they were the only team that Mr. Stewart did not expect a championship from, but they came through with the unbeatable spirit of a true Victoria High School team.

In the second place, Mr. Stewart made numerous phone calls to the teacher in charge of Sports at Westglen High, in order to arrange the last play off game, and I might add that both the team and Mr. Stewart were willing to play in any kind of weather.

I would also like to state that this is the first time that any high school in Edmonton has ever won three championships (co-championship or otherwise.) We should, therefore, be proud of that fact, and publicize it to a greater extent in our school paper, to show just how much we appreciate and thank those hard working fellows for the excellent work that they have done, in bringing more honor in the name of our school.

I might add, that the purpose of the "Rugby Ball" dance was in honor of our three Rugby teams who had won their respective championships. But in your write-up, I was amazed to find that the real purpose of the dance was not even mentioned (most of the credit going to the people who planned the entertainment for the dance, and the ones who collected tickets at the door, or helped serve refreshments.)

I hope that, in future, all championships won will be given more consideration, larger write-ups, head lines, and even pictures.

(Signed) Steve Mendryk,

President, Boys' Athletic Club

Editor's Note:

All letters of constructive criticism such as this are appreciated—after all, how else can we discover and correct our faults?

We accept responsibility for omitting the real purpose of Rugby Ball in the December issue . . . an unforgivable if unintentional error on our part . . . please accept our apologies.

As for the rugby write-up of last issue—we can say in excuse for our apparent neglect only this: we have become so accustomed to our Vic boys, under Mr. Stewart's coaching, cleaning up on all rivals, that we just took their three championships as a matter of course, instead of recognizing the triple

STOP!!!

Did you know that the Argosy was sponsoring a Popularity Poll in the next edition?

LOOK! out for the gal or guy in your grade who's got the cutest smile, neatest chassis, nicest personality, or who is most likely to succeed.

LISTEN! Why not get down to brass tacks and survey the landscape right NOW. Don't let Tom, Dick, or Mary's opinion influence yours—it's your OWN sincere choice.

Reconversion at Vic

Did you hear the one about the travelling salesman who knocked on the door and—

Now that 've got your attention, please be good enough to hear what I have to say.

Last month, Victoria High School's stamp sales reached the enormous amount of \$35.00 and with only 750 pupils in the school! We found from the records, that fewer than 100 persons bought these stamps. Naturally, the big question is: What happened to the other 650?

To those who are not able to "loan" 25c a week, we have nothing to say. It is the others we appeal to now.

From information received from various text books, I feel safe in saying that a student's health would not be completely ruined if he missed (I'll take my life in my hands) one or two milk shakes a week. The same applies to chocolate bars, gum, cokes, or whatever his weakness may be. Furthermore, the satisfaction he missed physically, would be more than replaced mentally when he finally turned in 16 stamps for a certificate.

How about everyone "pitching in" from now on! Stamps may be obtained at any time from your Room Rep. or from Tim Hollick-Kenyon, the "man" in charge. It won't be long before War Stamp Sales will disappear completely; so let's make a good showing while we have the chance!

win as the rare accomplishment which it was. We were very stupid; we are sorry. The Grad Issue will make amends.

EXCHANGES

Our exchanges have been richly reinforced by the appearance of three yearbooks. "The Quill and Shield" of Ponoka High School, "The Wapiti" of Elk Point High, and "W.H.S. Yearbook" of Wetaskiwin High. These books are really worth the attention of all Vicites, and are something that should make us sit up and take notice. They are all beautifully illustrated and contain fine material.

And here's something for students who thought that Vic was way ahead of things in having its own song: Ponoka High has three of them, all original. The words and music appear in "The Quill and Shield."

Out at Kitsilano in Vancouver, a light opera, "Carmelita," is being rehearsed. The details are all in the K.H.S. Life. And judging from the write-up, it's really going to be a big affair. So now, gang, you can all start yodelling and tuning up the pipes, who knows, maybe someone will get energetic and start planning an operetta. Something like Gilbert and Sullivan might even prove fun.

The Eastwood Gazette has arrived, too. And with it familiar names. Ex-Vicites Blatchford and McLeod seem to have made a favorable impression, as is their custom wherever they go. Nice going, kids, it's fine advertising for Vic.

Another edition of the "South High Scribe" of Salt Lake City has arrived, too. And with it, fun! Seems the kids down there have a "Character Day." Different rooms choose characters representing such fields as: comic characters (Superman, etc.); history characters (e.g., Napoleon); and nursery rhyme characters (like Little Bo Peep); get the idea? Also characters of story-book, music, military, political and

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Auction Sale: Brand new hearts to be given to bidder with highest rating. This will be based on individual personality to give everyone a fair chance.

Female Help Wanted: Sincere high school girl to date local boy. Must have references such as a clean, neat appearance and average intelligence. Must know all data on date doin's; yet have enough imagination to be alert when alone.

Insurance: Dates will be insured at a low cost. Pay for these on the instalment plan with good manners as the first down-payment.

Swap: Will swap a Sad Sam for a Happy Harry. If interested, contact someone who is willing to entertain as well as to be entertained. Only requirement, a sunny disposition.

Male Help Wanted: Dependable boy to take over the position of "escort." Must be familiar with all the right rules and regulations concerning gals and how to treat 'em. Apply to favourite girl.

Personal: Young man wishes to date one girl all the time. She must consent to wear his pin, meaning she belongs only to him. Object, "goin' steady."

Business: Important transactions such as letters should be attended to on time. Before issuing Promissory Notes, however, careful consideration should be given to the "promises" involved.

Advertisements: Any person who does not wish unfavorable advertising, will find it necessary to limit his activities to the best of his judgment.

Miscellaneous: If the above articles

FOR GALS ONLY!

"A hobby?"
"Sure,—men."

It seems that is every girl's main interest, but as a sideline the girls at Vic, I've discovered, have some very interesting hobbies.

Camille Hodgins collects match folders from everywhere except Edmonton. She has quite a number and really treasures her collection.

Grace Haslett says cooking is her hobby. That's an idea and the way to a man's heart!

Music is a hobby for Lois Wother- spoon. For most cases the family would object. Lois' voice undoubtedly provides enjoyment.

Several of the girls collect pennants or signs and put them on display in their rooms.

Doris Smith collects ticket stubs from different places. It's a swell hobby, she says. "Look at a stub and it reminds you of a certain 'man in your life'."

Besides keeping five scrapbooks, each on a different subject, Ruth Miller says "People" are her hobby. "If you take time to study them, there's something wonderful about everyone."

"My hobby is getting me down," confessed Bethoe Thompson. "I'm knitting a sweater—but I cook too."

Nancy Mayson and 'Phyl' McCrae (strange as it may seem) have hobbies too. But this one's marked 'personal'—anyway we promised we wouldn't tell.

If you haven't a hobby, why not begin now? Perhaps you could start sending greeting cards to your friends on those special occasions . . . Valentine's Day, would be an appropriate time to begin the new venture. If these suggestions definitely don't appeal to your type, try being friendly to everyone, and call that your hobby.

(Adviser's note: How about home-work as a hobby?)

are observed carefully, there should be no need for any "Advice to the Love Lorn."

DEAR LOUIE

PART III

Dear Louie,

In case you're wondering, the perfume travelled beautifully, and at the moment I am positively reeking. You certainly are the one for novel ideas. Louie. Who but you would have thought of mixing home brew with vanilla flavoring to make a simply DIVINE perfume?

While I'm on the subject of Christmas presents, I must tell you of the arrangement I made with Mr. Smith at the bookstore. You can exchange "How to Dance the Samba in 5½ Days" for something else, if you feel that the samba isn't quite your meat. Remember the New Year's Eve Dance, Louie? Maybe you'd better exchange the book

FRILLS FOR FEMMES

Are you unhappy? Are you failing French? Can't you do your Algebra? What you need is a new inspiring sweater and skirt! What could be more, more hubba-hubbaish than the baby blue sweater and pleated fawn skirt Helen Kostiuik is currently draped with, unless it's Myriam Dobson's Reindeer sweater?

If it's something new and different you want, watch for Barbie Holmwood's new jumper with red trimming and large fake pockets, or perhaps June Clooney's original high-neck blouse. Of course it must be accompanied by a "Clooney Clip" (feather bob plus plus half a bang) to look just right.

As always it's the trimmings that leave room for all those bright, rain-bowlike ideas you've been dreaming up. Glasses, once the trademark of the studious, innocent type who did their homework and passed at the end of the year, have now been dragged into the fashion fight. What could be zootier than Marge Richardson's plastic imitation horn rims with black trimming, or "Westglen" Kinney's horrible flame-red glamour-goggles with the "uplifting urge" to the corners? With today's color combinations (green coats and blue headsquares) any pair of sun glasses is a welcome addition to the wardrobe.

Finally we bring on all those silver hair clips and combs everybody is wearing. They literally "top off" any outfit at all.

for "How to Dance the One-Step, Two-Step, and Waltz." I noticed it was the same price. No personal inference to be drawn, of course, but you DID look so lonesome sitting in that dark corner with that blonde female. Peroxide, at that.

Guess what? I was in the SAME ROOM with Tom Mayson, Steve (sigh) Mendryk, and John Harvie for a whole hour last Tuesday. Now don't get green, Louie, I was just substituting for our Room Rep when she had hives at students' council. (That doesn't mean what it sounds like.) It's MORE FUN. I was lucky enough to sit near some kids I know, so we had several refreshing games of Parcheesi while matters were being talked over. Don't think I neglected my duty, though—I voted in the affirmative every time. One discussion I did tune in on was when we spent half an hour reviewing the urgent need for a pinochle club, and then voted it down because nobody knew how to play, which I think is very sensible. After all, if there was a pinochle club, who would attend the council meetings?

While I'm on the subject of my ventures into the world of politics and high doin's, let me tell you how I came to be a member of the Hi-Y. Well, at first when I came to Vic I didn't know about this organization. When I heard the name Hi-Y mentioned, I did as the others and dipped my head in respect (thinking perhaps it meant Mr. Hicks, Hi-Y being a nick-name, and short for "Hi, Y, and Handsome"). However, I soon had these ideas radically changed, and now I know all about it. I've been to every meeting so far, except seven, and now I even know what the "Hi-Y" stands for; after being in the Hi-Y for two months a girl is able to say "hil" with a cheery air, instead of "Y?" with a timid stare. George says I have the knack of divining Inner Meanings. George is a high-brow, but I try not to notice.

Hey! I nearly forgot to tell you! I've got a job (Saturdays and holidays) at Woolworth's, selling men's garters. I'm becoming quite expert at it, and have sold the floorwalker three pairs already. Seeing as how I get \$2.37 every day I work, I'll soon be able to pay you back the \$2.50 I borrowed to buy "How to Dance the Samba in 5½ Days." You were a pal to lend it to me, and you have my undying love. Which reminds me. I WISH you could learn to comb your hair like Tom Mayson's. I'll send you a bottle of Kreml

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GIRLS' SPORTS HI-LITES

House League Statistics

Official House League statistics were issued Wednesday, January 9, as the league completed the first half of the schedule. Teams captained by Norma Carlson and Del Wilson captured top hoop laurels with 4 wins and 1 loss apiece, to garner 8 points. Following are the final standings:

	W.	L.	P.
Norma Carlson	4	1	8
Del Wilson	4	1	8
Marie Schwarcz	3	2	6
Norma Gilchrist	3	2	6
Audrey Falkenberg	3	2	6
Alberta Johnson	1	4	2
Camille Hodgins	1	4	2
Gloria Sohnle	0	5	0

Juniors and Seniors Triumph

Twin victories were marked up by our Junior and Senior teams when both defeated University High representatives Wednesday, January 16 on Vic's home floor. The first game saw the Juniors turn back the Varsity Junior squad to the tune of an 18-6 defeat.

The game started fast with Vic outscoring her apponents 9-0 in the first stanza. Varsity took the lead in the second frame, but Vic was still leading 11-4 at half time. The last half again saw Vic take the lead to make the final score 18-6.

The Senior team, spurred on by their mascot, "Aloysius," defeated Varsity Seniors 19-8. Camille Hodgins and Lydia Nakamura counted field shots for the Vicites before Edith Skitch made the score sheet with a penalty shot to post Varsity's first basket. Marie Schwarz and Audrey Wells came through with

DEAR LOUIE

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next payday. I can get it wholesale where I work, providing I consume it on the premises. Or something like that. I never **did** get all those store rules down pat.

Goombye, sweet prince,
(Shakespeare).

—Betty-Anne.

P.S. I looked it up to be sure, and it's "Good-nite sweet prince," but who cares? O-X-O spells two hugs and a kiss.

—B.A.

P.S. the Second: I went to all the try-outs for the year-play, and guess what? I've GOT A PART! I am an Offstage Noise. That may not seem very vital to you, Louie, but that is because you don't know the Theatre.

—B.A.



SPORT



VIC BREAKS EVEN

Victoria High's entry in the City Men's junior League, sports two wins and two losses with the first of the schedule completed.

Vic was edged out 21-19 by the Y.M.C.A. Although our boys started slow, things began to roll in the second half. Steve Mendryk collected 11 points 'c be high man, with Aly Lasowsky and Pete Shipka turning in good performances. Woodman, McDonald, and McDiarmid stood out for the Y.

In the game with the Varsity Juniors, Vic outshot the University team 43-33. Shipka picked up 13 points; Lasowsky 10; Mendryk 9; Harvie 6. For Varsity: Steel (an ex-Vicite), 8; and Reid, 11.

Vic was defeated by West Edmonteens 37-32. Greenwood with 16 and Fleming with 10 were the pacers for the 'Teens. For Vic, Lasowsky with 1 and Mendryk and Shipka with 7 each brought in the majority of points. Purkiss shone on the defence.

Vic's last game of 1945 produced an easy victory over South Edmonteens, the score being 37-18 for the boys in the red-and-black. Steve Mendryk picked up 19 of Vic's points, ably assisted and followed in points by Drever, Smith and Patterson. For South Edmonteens Teviotdale and Hustler stood out.

League lineups:

Varsity—Barnes, Mason, McDermott, Phillips, Allan, Robinson, Reid, Burnham, Steele.

Y.M.C.A.—Woodman, Barnes, McLocklin, McDonald, Chinneck, Jonah, Chapman, McDiarmid, Atkinson.

West-Edmonteens — Pierce, Bodnar, Fleming, Greenwood, Savage.

South-Edmonteens—Duncan, Higgin, Kimball, Wilson, Hustler, Humphries, Batchellor, Teviotdale.

Victoria—Mendryk, Mayson, Teskey, Smith, Harvie, Shipka, Lasowsky, Purkiss, Drever.

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Boys' House-League Standings

	Games Won	Lost	Pts.
Mundy	3	2	1 4
Romanchuk	3	2	1 4
Hole	1	1	0 2
May	2	1	1 2
Bennett	1	0	1 0
Aubrey	2	0	2 0

The boys' house league started with a terrific schedule and a lot of keen competition. The first game of the season saw Aubrey's team defeated by Romanchuks', the score being 24-21. Here are all the games up to press-time.

On Dec. 5 Mundy defeated Bennet by the score of 18-17 (overtime).

On Dec. 11 all games were postponed because of a lit.

On Dec. 12 Romanchuk defeated Mundy 19-15.

On Dec. 18 Hole defeated May 25-16.

On Jan. 8 Mundy defeated Aubrey 25-13. The game between Hole and Bennett was postponed.

On Jan. 9 May defeated Romanchuk 25 to 13.

House-League Schedule

February 5 — Mundy - Romanchuk; May-Bennett.

February 6—Hole-Aubrey.

February 12—Hole-Mundy; Romanchuk-Aubrey.

February 13—Bennett-May.

February 14 — Bennett-Hole; May-Romanchuk.

February 20—Mundy-Aubrey.

February 26—Aubrey-May; Romanchuk-Hole; Bennett-Mundy.

After the schedule is finished the postponed games between Hole-May, Aubrey-Bennett, and Hole-Bennett, will be played.

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THE ARGOSY GOES DATING

Well, whaddya know! Seems a Vicite would rather go steady than stag! In recent interviews with many of 'the gang' we discovered that 99 44/100% of the students preferred the constant double type of life. Here are a few opinions:

Maureen Gibson . . . It's swell if you've found the right person.

Bob Davidson . . . I think it's a pretty fair idea and it's good practice. (In what?)

Jo Shaw . . . MMMmm wonnerfull! Let's hope Jack is listening.

Pete Shipka . . . At least you can be sure of a date!

Betty Christian . . . More fun, more excitement, more fights! (Who said that?)

Jack McLaren . . . Kids our age are not old enough to know the score.

Corrine Vance . . . Mhmhmhm! As long as the steady doesn't mind your dating someone else once in a while.

Steve Mendryk . . . It may be all right for OLDER people, but too diverting for the younger half.

Norma Gilchrist . . . It's o.k., but oh sooo complicated!

So there you have it!

While on the subject of dating (and who isn't!) we spent those glorious Xmas holidays snoopin' round the big city and were rewarded with many sights perfect for print. Even managed to corral a few snaps of "Life in These Here Green, I Mean Teen, Years." (See page 8.)

It all began one December 26 at the B-I-G Boxing Day dance at the Barn. Seemed everyone and his cousin were on hand to delve into the fun 'n frolic the Central Council Edmonteers provided. Stan Fraser's band made an appropriate musical setting for the big dig that boasted throngs and throngs of teensters out for an evening of fun—and many of them were Vicites.

Bill Sanborn dated Betty Christian—as usual. After the dance, a sixsome dropped in at the Sanborn manor for

a snack. Noticed Betty displayed the set of silver birds in flight she received from Bill a while back.

Bob Flynn squired ex-Vicite Ruth (Thrush) Gillis, and obliged admiring males by trading her out for dances.

Jack McLaren lived up to his theory of stag-ing and arrived ay-lone. Had a super time anyway, jivin' with some of these, some of those.

Glenna Weaver showed up with "steady" Al Roper, and kept complaining of too many fast numbers.

Roy Gilley dated our Isobel Cameron "Cuz I like her eyes." Evident by the way he gazed into them all eve.

As time went we found ourselves visiting the brand new Ski Village out Whitemud way. If you haven't been there, by all means GO 'cause it's FUN! So think Spike Brown and Jackie Smith anyway, who've been seen investigating the set-up and finding results most satisfactory.

Alex Hinchliffe often goes and does a little wolfing on the side. Strictly legitimate like, you know!

From here, we ambled along to the Rec., pronounced 'wreck,' and managed to glimpse Maureen Stocks looking on while Bob Willson attempted a strike. This cute couple WAS ever since pre-Xmas days, and seem to do a bit of everything — dancing included, but definitely.

Neil Graydon, a Vic vet, bowls a mean game, and took Merrie Hollinshead along to prove it to her. No fooling, the guy's a whiz! With such expert tutorship, Merrie hopes to improve her "62."

Swimming! The sport of kings! . . . or something. Anyway, this is a favorite with Dave Clevely and Audrey Wells who indulge at the Y pool every Monday night during Vic's Mixed Swimming Club sessions.

We take in a hockey game, and discover scores of the Vic crowd think they're tops! and no wonder! If you've seen the last few senior games you'll

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Hi-Y Plans "Cupid's Rendezvous"

The Victoria Chapter of the Boys' Hi-Y have held several interesting and educational meetings during the post-Christmas term.

Several functions have been planned to take place in the New Year; first, on January 26, a rummage sale, was held in the Social Credit Hall, starting at nine o'clock in the morning; second, the joint Girls' and Boys' Hi-Y dance, "Cupid's Rendezvous," to be held February 16 in the Y.W.C.A. gym, with Rod Cook and his orchestra supplying the music. Final arrangements for this affair are being completed now, and from all our inside information it promises to be a bang-up success.

Shall we make it a date?

Recognition Service Held

In honor of Miss Hazel Moore, a tea was held at the Y.W.C.A. on Sunday afternoon, January 13, sponsored by the Girls' Hi-Y. Miss Moore is the Girls' Work Secretary and has just returned from the International Youth Conference held in London and Prague. She gave an interesting talk about her trip, and also displayed a number of souvenirs collected in Europe.

Following her address, tea was served. Pouring were Miss A. C. Driscoll, Victoria Advisor, and Miss J. Cameron, Westglen Advisor.

The formal Recognition Service of the Girls' Hi-Y throughout the city, was held Sunday, January 27, at Wesley United church. Rev. James Cox was the main speaker with members of the Central Council assisting. A beautiful candle lighting ceremony concluded the service, and the girls proceeded out of the church singing "Day is Dying in the West."

Many thanks go to Rev. Cox and the members of the Central council for a memorable service.

Mr. Hicks: Oh! Bill Aubrey is very sick and unable to come to school, is he? Who is that speaking?
Deep Voice: My father.

White Elephants on Parade

Santa Claus, colorfully made up to look like Bill Jarvis, took time off during the pre-Christmas rush to put in an appearance at Victoria High. 'Tis said that when Ralph MacMillan informed him of the great need of his presence at the White Elephant Sale to help raise funds for the Argosy, he jumped into his brand-new P-38 and got here faster than you can say "Copy deadline was last week and why haven't you got your copy in?"

The masculine and feminine articles were separated with prices of 15 cents and 25 cents according to value, and everything was gone in fifteen minutes flat. With supersalesman Santa at the helm the sale turned in a very neat profit.

Roses are in order for Ralph MacMillan and his committee (Viola Lutz, Myriam Dobson, Alwyn Harrison, Dolores Monson, Bill Prunkl, Norman Johnston), who made this venture such a success.

Click Club Clicks!

The Click Club has shown itself to be one of the most ambitious clubs in Vic. The crest which has been on display in the main hall—available to club members for \$1.30—has made many stop and think of how snappy it would look on a Vic sweater. The large posters announcing the contest have also caught the attention of many an eye.

The contest, which is in five divisions—(A-Candid; B-Scenery; C-Action; D-Portraits; E-Table Top photography, trick photography, etc.)—offers a grand prize of \$4.00 with second and third prizes of \$3.00 and \$2.00 respectively. Each division has a first prize of \$1.00 with a ribbon for the second and third rating.

The services of Miss Hegler have been obtained to assist in judging the prints. Winners will be announced soon, so watch the bulletin board, you shutterbugs—YOU may win a prize!

George Gongos says that a good line is the shortest distance between two dates!

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Hymie Loomer: Sir, I want your daughter for my wife!

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Always on the alert for juicy bits of news 'n gossip, our stooges managed to dig quite a bit of interesting info for this first-of-the-year edition of 'Ramblin' Round.'

Fer instance, did you know that Miss Hegler has already cast her 3-act year play, "The Willow and I"? Bethoe Thompson, Alfred Pape, and Olga Laruska play the leading roles in this intriguing drama. The story can be very aptly termed as "entirely different" from anything that has ever been produced in Edmonton before. In fact, John Patrick's play makes its Western Canada debut at Vic.

The New York 'Broadway Cast' boasted such stellar attractions as Martha Scott, **Gregory Peck**, and Barbara O'Neill.

We urge you to attend at least one performance of "The Willow and I." It's a play you won't soon forget!

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We roll out the great big "Welcome!" mat for Mrs. Downie who is taking over the secretarial duties of the school from her daughter, Roma McNally, who has temporarily retired. Confirmed reports state Mrs. Downie is a tres popular and well-liked new addition to the school. We'd like to add our belated "Greetings!"

* * *

The latest high school fashion fad from the good ole U.S.A. is the art of tucking in those oversized sweaters and wearing a belt—any belt—around the waist of the skirt. For those petites femmes it's a dandy way of showing off a pert little figure. But then there are 'us others.'

* * *

The basketball mania has hit us! If YOU haven't been out to cheer for our side, then MISTER! it's about time you discovered what you've been missing! No fooling, it's **fun** and a perfect way to cram that dull after-four hour with plenty of fast, furious, and exciting play.

Here's one time you won't regret—so see you at the next game; hokay?

* * *

"Cupid's Rendezvous" is the cute title of Victoria Boys' and Girls' Hi-Y dance coming off February 16 at the Y.W.C.A. Rod Cook's orchestra has been hired for the occasion; so it's certain the music will be pretty wonderful.

We discovered that 'Rod' has added to his group a Sinatra, who certainly adds vocal charm to the evening's entertainment. You won't go far wrong on this one. We rate it three stars—it should rate you a super date.

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SEVEN COME ELEVEN

"Seven come eleven," Tom shouted as he hurled the red, shiny dice against the wall. Sweat was bursting out from around his sideburns and forehead, trickling down his face in cold rivulets. One dice careened over on its side; the number was one; the other dice was spinning wildly on the middle of the floor, a mixture of blurred dots. He watched it suddenly turn over; the number was two, a one and a two; Craps. He had lost again.

He lurched off the floor, brushed the dirty marks off his pants and stretched his tight legs. Sick, with a bursting headache, he said dazedly, "Well, I've got to win sometime but I guess it just isn't my night." It was a vain effort to console himself for his loss, and he knew it. One of the boys, short, lithe, with a well-tailored air about him, tossed back his jet black hair, and in a voice which he presumed was soothing, replied "That's right, Tom, it's your turn tomorrow night; just wait and see." Tom said goodnight and left.

As he moved out of the dimly lit room, a gust of wind caught him, throwing him against the wall. "Restless weather," he thought, just as restless as he was inside. As he plodded home he attempted to find an explanation for his continued lust for gambling. It couldn't be for the sake of money; he lost all the time; it must be for the sake of gambling itself.

When he finally reached home, he tried to make himself do his neglected homework, but he was so exhausted that he readied himself for bed with only a glance or two at it.

Ring-g-g Ring went the alarm, eight o'clock, and Tom struggled out of bed; there were bags under his eyes and he felt bilious; but with perseverance he managed to get dressed, eat his breakfast and rush to school, where he slept most of the morning. Noon came, and as he walked through the corridors, Jake, a large gangly youth, came up to him asking, "You going to be over at Jim's place tonight, Tom? All the rest of the gang are going to be there." Tom hesitated; then answered in a tired voice, "Sure, Jake, I'll be there as usual, you know me." Then Jake left and Tom stood still for a couple of seconds,

puzzled. He thought "Why couldn't I have said no? Why, why?"

After four, Tom took a large bundle of books home; he didn't have any intention of working at them, but they appeased his conscience somehow.

That night, Tom walked in the general direction of Jim's house. When he got there he could hear excited and feverish voices in the room, "Big Dick, come on, Big Dick," and then a chant "Sixty-four, fifty-five." A couple of the boys absently waved at him as he came in. Soon he was kneeling on the floor too, betting money, losing, winning. He noticed a lot of new faces tonight, faces new to this game, faces which shouldn't have been here at all.

Tom played high stakes and for a change won high stakes at the expense of the other players, and he continued to win all through the night, making sevens, elevens, and getting his number nearly all the time.

Twelve o'clock came and went; so did one o'clock, and two o'clock; and at the last Tom was playing against only one person, one of the new faces. Tom placed five dollars down and asked his opponent "Are you going to cover it?" The boy, Ralph, put his last five dollars down. Tom scooped up the dice, shook them wildly and threw them against the wall. They landed seven, a natural. Tom picked up the money and stood up. Everyone just stood and watched him as he counted out the money and shoved it into his well-worn wallet. Somehow he did not have that feeling of exhilaration that he imagined came from winning. He walked to the door saying "Goodnight fellows"; he did not gloat over his winnings and rub it in.

Just as he was about to go out, he thought of all the money he had taken off these boys, and over three-quarters of them had never played dice before. He hesitated, turned around, and seeing the despondent faces, he impulsively pulled out his wallet, dug out his winnings and threw them on the floor,

"Take your money back; I hope tonight will teach you never to gamble again for any stakes." He moved towards the door, and then he turned and said earnestly, "Never lose more than you can afford." Tom noticed the look of amazement and relief on each of their faces, and left with a light heart; he had overcome his passion for gambling, not by losing, but by winning.

Meanwhile back in the house one of the boys said "Gee, what a guy! He gives us our money back; come on, let's get these dice rolling again."

SIDNEY RISK MAKES A HIT

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cry while he was eating the candy! I thought I'd die." . . . "Oh, but the best part was where she—I mean he lost his—I mean her gloves in the movie and searched for hours and hours and then found them in her purse!" . . . "but where he pulled his—I mean her—girdle down! And mind you, no costume or properties other than a chair!"

One more overheard comment: "Mmmm! What a guy! Is he married?"

Skit Enacted by Club Members

At the same meeting, a group of boys under the direction of Thelma Berg (Why, Thelma!) staged a pantomime of "The Shooting of Dan McGrew." Jack McLaren read the poem as the boys acted it out, and the combination was a panic. Johnny Kusik as "Dangerous Dan" played his role to a T, guzzling milk in the best bar-room tradition. Dave Cleveley, president of the Drama Club this year, made a charming sweetheart for Dan. The ruffled blue evening gown contrasted strikingly with those rippling muscles—and the scream at the end of the skit was in exactly the right baritone key.

How about more skits, boys?

Bernice Sandstrom: Oh, you're so slow!

Don Rae: I don't grasp you.

Bernice: That's what I mean.

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TALK OF THE TOWN

STRATHCONA—Under the direction of Mr. Pollette, Scona's year-play "The Thirteenth Chair" (a mystery), will be presented on February 6, 7 and 8. The cast includes Robin Munson, Jack Dingle, Leo Krysa, Jo Pilcher, Bill Harding, Joyce Loveseth, Irene Bowerman, and Velma Dines. Assisting with direction is Pat Kavanagh. We hope to see a large crowd of Vicites out to support this play.

Scona's swimming and badminton clubs enjoyed themselves recently at a joint party.

GARNEAU—Big preparations are underway for a lit in the third week of February. Included in the program will be songs, dances, and a skit.

To prevent any unnecessary brawls, Garneau's student council has allotted four school sweaters to each room in the school.

EASTWOOD—Sylvia Newnham has been chosen as Editor-in-chief of the Gazette's yearbook.

A large display of needlework was presented one noon-hour by an Eastwood needlework class, and although most of the spectators were girls, the odd male was seen viewing the girls' handiwork.

WESTGLEN—An innovation at W.H.S. is a three-minute period every morning in which topics of interest to the school as a whole are discussed.

The Westglen Parade's dance, "Paper Kaper," took place on January 25, with Frank McLeavy and orchestra supplying the music.

The year book staff has been organized with Jim McIntyre as Editor.

ST. MARY'S—"Mid-Term Minuet" was the novel name of St. Mary's school dance on January 24.

The Sep. students' union has decided to purchase a public address system, which will be used at all their school functions, including the Friday sessions of their Dance Club.

ST. JOSEPH'S—The Photography Club

has been kept more than busy recently—taking Grad pictures, of course.

MACDOUGALL—The Drama club put on their first play of the year at the New Year's first lit.

Grade twelve were given preference when the latest shipment of school sweaters arrived.

Ode to Victoria

When I see
The silhouette against the sky,
That grand old school Victoria High,
Whose towers seemingly imply
Her custodianship of destiny;
I feel my bosom swell with pride,
And to her walls this thought confide,
'No matter what fortune may betide,
I'll give to you the best in me."

When I hear
The shout of joy that doth acclaim
The placing of another name
In Victoria High School's "Hall of Fame,"
Among her great Immortals;
A myriad thoughts within me surge,
To give me courage and the urge
To strive my best till I emerge
Beyond those golder portals.

When I think
Of the honored names she knew so well,
Of her sons who, fighting for freedom,
fell,
And thus by dying did dispel
Our fears of brutal domination;
My heart with gratitude o'erflows,
And may our sympathy, for those
Bereft of dear ones by death's throes
Bring needed consolation.

EXCHANGES

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movie fame. Then they have their Characters, appropriately costumed, appear at an afternoon assembly, and the winners are chosen. This is followed by a dance. We hear a lot about Vic's Sinatras, Van Johnsons and Supermen; then why not follow South High's example and hold a "Character Day"?

And fellas, have you seen the West-

glen Parade's Picture of the Month? With THAT at Westglen, I just **can't** understand why they won't leave our attractions at Vic. Seems both Johnson and Stocks are favoring Westglen-ites. (Ed. note: Says who?) No. fair!

The Newporter is in again, too. Seems even they aren't immune to 'flu in Newport, Kentucky. It closed up the schools for a three-day vacation. . . . School board, please, take notice!

One of the best little papers we've seen is "Hi Echoes" from Cardston High School. Never saw so much news in such little space in ages.

Gosh, I could go on for hours. Like the moron story from the "Perroquet" (Central Collegiate High, Regina): "Did you hear about the little moron who went to the football game because he thought the quarterback meant a refund?" Or about the "Tumbling Club" and noon movies at Western Canada High in Calgary; and the "Advice to Lovelorn" columns in the Cascadian of Banff, and the Pool and Parrot of Wetaskiwin; or pages and pages about our U. of A. Gateway. Really, gang, you're missing out on the real thing if you haven't read the latest exchanges. You can find everything including long-lost relatives and friends amidst the pages. We'll be looking for you in the Argosy office, so come in soon, huh?

THE ARGOSY GOES DATING

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know what we mean. You get a bit of everything mixed in with this date—excitement, thrilling plays, laughs, spills, and hot, hot dogs plus coffee for reinforcement come intermission time.

Bill Batter and Marj Richardson enjoy attending Saturday nights, and usually invite a small crowd to come along. Inevitably the bunch of them end up at someone's home where they have food and maybe a bit of dancing to help thaw those frozen feet.

Also saw Don Hawkes and Donald Lloyd at the Arena hooray-ing for our side. That's the spirit!

Virginia Clucas and Roy Miller rarely miss a game.

The movies, of course, rate a high place on the "favorite" date list (specially on Friday afternoons!) On and off, we've caught many a couple holding hands and looking on. Joan Wood and Dennis Champion are ardent theatre-goers. Ditto Pete Shipka and

blonde Claudia.

We couldn't keep up to the kids New Year's Eve. Seems there were a million and one places to go, and just as many things to do.

We stopped by at the Silver Glade's big dance long enough to sight Ruth Gilley and Jim Downie having a perfect time watching the novelty added features.

Hammy Drever squired "Sal" Ramsey, the latest steady, to a house party that was also attended by Pete Marples and Dcug Maveety. Everyone apparently had a marvellous time, dancing, eating, laughing, singing, and—YOU KNOW WHAT.

Joyce Wilson and Russ Aird took in the gala affair at the Barn, and declared it was so much fun. At five bucks a couple, it should be!

Pat Lee and Jack Howie decided to do things up big and thus breakfasted at the Mac New Year's morn. A grand way to start the New Year, right?

Skating is a favorite with Bernice Sandstrom and Don Rae who often make an evening of it. "Sandy" is even knitting a pair of diamond sox to keep Don warm on these occasions.

Regular work-outs at Edmonteens net us the sight of many familiar faces. Cliff Ozee attends Central's Friday night dances regularly. Joan McCall attends just as regularly. Could be coincidence, could be Fate, anyhow the bulb flashed and we were the happier by one dandy shot of the couple jivin'.

Ed Trott is always there dividing his time between Helen Rowley. That boy is developing quite a technique. Slow, easy, smooth. In dancing we mean!

From dancing to dining, and we corralled the inseparables, Rusty Hedley and Don Ball at Joan's, the popular teen snack spot. If you drop in any ole time, you'll be sure to catch at least a few Vicites having a coke or just fooling around—mostly just fooling around.

Another favorite restaurant is the beautiful Mandarin Gardens. But this spot is saved for that special date, or the Saturday after payday.

Hey, and in case there are females reading this, please realize the listed items cost money. So how about the girls giving the guys' pocketbooks a break and throwing a house party once in a while. They're always fun—and so helpful.

We're tired after that hectic holiday whirl. Maybe it's best that holidays ARE few and far between. No, NO! what are we saying!!

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VIC BOHONOS

What is this world coming to, with atomic bombs, men like Vic Bohonos, and all?

Vic's life began on Sept. 21, 1927. After the usual six years of peace and quiet, he was ushered to McCauley, and, via Alex Taylor, he finally arrived at Vic.

Here he has taken up basketball, skating, bowling, tennis, record collecting, and fishing. However, it is probably in the field of photography that Vic has become most famous. His skill with a camera has earned him the post of Art Editor of the Argosy, and the Vice-Presidency of the Click Club. He is currently campaigning for a dark room with lots of equipment for the local camera enthusiasts.

When not taking pictures, Vic's favorite pastime is sitting at home with that certain girl, eating banana splits and chocolate cake, while listening to Harry James' "Flight of the Bumble Bee."

His favorite subject is algebra (wow!) and he thinks Mr. Shortliffe's periods are super!

Vic intends to go on to Varsity for engineering or a course in photography. We feel sure that he will make a success of whatever he undertakes.



BETH MINOGUE

'Twas on the fourth day of October, 1928, in Seattle, Washington that Beth Minogue put in her appearance.

When she reached the age of six, she came to Edmonton, and invaded Queen's Avenue School. From there she passed through the gates of Mc-



MYRIAM DOBSON

This piece of blond dynamite exploded in the Dobson mansion June 12, 1928. After a few years of the home life, she was marched off to McKay Avenue school. From there she came to Vic where she immediately became a going concern.

In grade ten Myriam played house league basketball; in grade eleven she sang in Vic Varieties. She had parts in Drama lits both last year and this year. Now in grade twelve, Myriam is head of the Publicity Committee of the Drama Club; she handled the Milk Bar till Christmas this term; writes for the Argosy and is a definite asset to the Features staff. Is on the Students' Council, being the representative for Room 15.

Myriam is very active in Edmonton circles. She wrote Central Branch news for the Bulletin, and is head of the check booth in the West Hall. Plus this, she is a talented singer and plays the piano.

"Bubbles" (the pet name) has her personal likes and dislikes. Her main likes are: noodles, gum and Clark Gable. Her dislikes: mushrooms, train whistles and chemistry. Her hobby is sending away for anything marked "free," from cashmere shawls to corn

Cauley, and then finally, three years ago, she smartened up and came to Vic. Since Beth's arrival ici, her activities have been vast and varied.

In grade ten she played house league basketball, badminton, and was publicity manager of the I.S.C.F.

In grade eleven she continued with her basketball, and was social convener of the I.S.C.F., secretary-treasurer of the Badminton Club, and also found time to scribble for the Argosy.

This year is another busy one for Beth. Besides writing for the Features division of the Argosy, she is the secretary-treasurer of the Badminton Club, social convener of the city executive of the I.S.C.F., and president of the Music Club, of which, by the way, she is also the council rep.

This green-eyed blonde favors scalloped potatoes, shortbread, and parsnips! About music, whatever Jim likes is o.k. with her.

To pass time, she does a bit of sewing, plays the piano, and runs over to Amy's house. (There's a reason!)

She hasn't yet made up her mind about the future, though she would like to attend college down U.S.A. way.



GEOFF WHITE

Born: Why shore! At Sedgewick, Alberta, January 29, 1929, to be exact.

Educated: After a fashion. His school memoirs read:

1. A six-year stretch at Sedgewick.
2. One term of "visiting" Westmount.
3. Two years hard labor at Spruce Avenue.
4. One session at Vic.

Likes: This versatile lad enjoys swimming, skiing, dancing and skating.

Dislikes: Not many. "I'm too easy to please," he confesses, "though gals in jeans exasperate me."

His musical ability has earned him a place in no less than two Edmonton military bands and a spot with the "Edmonton Sorenaders." Since approximately two months ago he's the leader of a jivy little group of swingsters called "The Rhythmakers." Naturally you've seen them showing off at a few of our after-four dance lits. Geoff's the boy who plays sax and clarinet.

The healthy glow that envelops the boy is due to the fact that he cooks his flakes.

She shows a particular interest in hockey and VARSITY (!).

When she leaves Vic, Myriam plans to go into training as a nurse. Good luck!

own meals. O yes! His favorite dish is one "Wilda," a cute brown-eyed trick he's fond of dating for shows. Declares he's learned more in the back row of the Rialto than in 11 years a l'ecole!

He attends church each and every Sunday (it says here), and is a member of McDougall's Young People's Society.

His favorite platter is Artie Shaw's flip recording of "Concerto for Clarinet," and he prefers the subdued line in togs.

If and when he gets through Algebra, Geoff plans to study Electrical Engineering at the U. of B.C. and to continue definitely with his musical career.

LOVE SCENE

I went into a movie,
I saw a lovely show—
Romantic? Yes! Exciting?
Oh, far from being slow.

The hero was "so handsome,"
(He had a well-shaped head);
The heroine magnificent
(Her hair a flaming red)!

The dialogue? but wonderful!
The closeups? just supreme!
From me, they get top billing
As the season's lushest team.

You may talk of tender love scenes,
In tones so soft and low,
But they just can't beat that one I saw
In the Dreamland's 16th row!

DATE DOINGS . . .

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Upper L: Bob Willson and Maureen Stocks at the Rec.

Upper R: Regular Edmonteeners—Joan McColl and Cliff Oze.

Centre: Holiday fun for Joyce Wilson and Ed Parks.

Lower L: Y Pool—meeting-place for Dave Cleveley and Audrey Wells.

Lower R: Don Ball and Rusty Hedley "partake" at Joan's.

